

# 648 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him. 1 John 4:16

1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!  
 2. Breathe, O breathe Thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to ev - ery trou - bled breast!  
 3. Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; Let us all Thy life re - ceive.  
 4. Fin - ish then Thy new cre - a - tion; Pure and spot - less let us be.

Fix in us Thy hum - ble dwell - ing; All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.  
 Let us all in Thee in - her - it; Let us find the prom - ised rest.  
 Sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, Nev - er - more Thy tem - ples leave.  
 Let us see Thy great sal - va - tion Per - fect - ly re - stored in Thee:

Je - sus, Thou art all com - pas - sion; Pure, un - bound - ed love Thou art.  
 Take a - way our bent to sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be.  
 Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, Serve Thee as Thy hosts a - bove,  
 Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, Till in heav'n we take our place,

Vis - it us with Thy sal - va - tion; En - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.  
 End of faith, as its be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
 Pray and praise Thee with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in Thy per - fect love.  
 Till we cast our crowns be - fore Thee, Lost in won - der, love and praise.

TEXT: Charles Wesley  
 MUSIC: John Zundel; Last stanza setting and Choral ending by Bill Wolaver  
 A higher setting may be found at No. 93

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*Optional last stanza setting*

rit. 4. Fin - ish then Thy new cre - a - tion;

*Broader Unison*

Pure and spot - less let us be. Let us see Thy great sal - va - tion

Per - fect - ly re - stored in Thee: Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

Till in heav'n we take our place, Till we cast our crowns be - fore Thee,

*Optional choral ending*

Lost in won - der, love and praise. Lost in won - der, love and praise.

# 302 Lamb of God

Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! John 1:29

Unison

1. Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, But You have sent Him from Your  
 2. Your gift of love they cru - ci - fied, They laughed and scorned Him as He  
 3. I was so lost I should have died, But You have brought me to Your

side To walk up - on this guilt - y sod, And to be - come the Lamb of God.  
 died; The hum - ble King they named a fraud, And sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.  
 side To be led by Your staff and rod, And to be called a lamb of God.

Refrain

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God; I love the

ho - ly Lamb of God. O wash me in His pre - cious

blood. 1,2. My Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.  
 3. Till I am just a lamb of God.

LAMB OF GOD  
L.M.D.

TEXT: Twila Paris  
MUSIC: Twila Paris

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## Church's unofficial historian 'breathed life' into Derby Fair

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Shirley E. Pfalzgraf

When the First Church of Evans congregation debated whether to continue running its Derby Fair, member Shirley E. Pfalzgraf plunged herself into organizing the annual summer event on the church grounds.

Pfalzgraf, who loved local history and community, researched her mother's old scrapbooks to learn about Derby Fairs from decades earlier. She encouraged people outside the church to attend, emphasizing that it was a townwide event to build a sense of community.

"What Shirley did, is she just breathed life and elegance into it," said the Rev. Stephen E. Ridge, First Church of Evans pastor. "She remembered the old fairs and what they were like and she brought some of that elegance, some of that sense that this was really something, back to the fair."

Pfalzgraf, who served as chair or co-chair of the Derby Fair for at least 15 years, died May 9 in Buffalo General Medical Center after contracting Covid-19. She was 90.

Pfalzgraf was a member of First Church of Evans since 1952 and worked for a time as church secretary. She also was the church's unofficial historian.

Her husband, Ronald, said she went to Buffalo

General with high blood pressure on April 4 and was admitted for five days. She came back home and was doing well.

But about a week later, she started suffering from bouts of diarrhea, a symptom of Covid-19. Ronald Pfalzgraf said his wife began eating and drinking less and became progressively sicker. He took her back to Buffalo General on May 3.

That was the last time he saw her. She tested positive for Covid-19 at the hospital, Ronald said.

Hospital staff informed family on May 8 that she was near death. A hospital nurse held a phone close to her head as she lay unresponsive in bed, so family members could say their final goodbyes.

"I said, 'Shirley, this is Ron. I love you so much. I hope you can live, but if you don't, may you go to heaven and be in the arms of Jesus and all the angels,'" Ronald Pfalzgraf said.

Pfalzgraf worked for many years at the former AM&A's department store - which became Bon-Ton - at Walden Galleria. Born Shirley Vail in Derby, she was a 1947 graduate of the former Angola High School, the forerunner to Lake Shore High School. She served as president of the Lake Shore Alumni Association and was added to the Lake Shore Wall of Fame in 2015.

She and her husband of many years crowned the Lake Shore High School king and queen, and last fall the school honored her with a flower bouquet and tiara for her volunteer work.

She was buried with the tiara at First Church of Evans cemetery.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by a daughter, Susan Mathewson; two sons, Raymond E. Peterson and John Peterson; a brother, Richard; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

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